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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Johannes Gehrke, hereby declare the following:

[0001] I am a co-author with Alexandre Evfimievski, Ramakrishnan Srikant and Rakesh Agrawal on the following paper:

A. Evfimievski, R. Srikant, R. Agrawal and J. Gehrke, "Privacy Preserving Mining of Association Rules," Proc. Of 8<sup>th</sup> ACM SIGKDD Intl. Conf. on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), July 2002, referred to herein as "Privacy Preserving Mining of Association Rules" (July 2002).

[0002] I have read U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,069, including claims 1-24.

[0003] "Privacy Preserving Mining of Association Rules" (July 2002) discusses the invention that is defined by claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,069.

[0005] I understand that Alexandre Evfimievski, Ramakrishnan Srikant, and Rakesh Agrawal are joint inventors of the invention that is defined by claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,069.

[0006] Although I am a co-author of "Privacy Preserving Mining of Association Rules" (July 2002), I am not an inventor of the invention that is defined by claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/624,069.

[0007] The above declarations are made according to the best of my recollection upon review of the appropriate documents and notes, and I hereby acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. All statements that are made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements that are made herein based on information and belief are believed to be true.

  
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